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1 **Dedicating Veterans Park**

The City invites you to celebrate with us May 20 at the Veterans Park dedication in Sunbow. The 12-acre park boasts an ocean view and is one of five spectacular new City parks opening this spring. Drop in for food, fun, demonstrations, an art exhibit, raffles and more. Participate in a tribute to war veterans and watch, as the Walk of Honor-a brick walkway inscribed with the names of service members--is unveiled. In addition to a large rec center, there's a softball and multi-purpose field-both lighted-and two basketball courts, a children's play area, picnic facilities and a dog park. The park is located at 785 East Palomar Street. Call 691-5260 for more information.



2 **Focus on Mobile Homes**

Mobile home park owners and residents are invited to a special City Council workshop Thursday, May 4. Mobile homes represent some of the most affordable housing in Chula Vista, a valuable resource in the volatile real estate market of southern California. Scheduled from 6-8 p.m. in the Council Chambers, the workshop will be an opportunity for residents and park owners to share ideas and perspectives. The Chula Vista City Council hosts a public workshop on the first Thursday of each month. An interpreter will be available for Spanish-speaking residents attending the workshop.

Residents and business owners are encouraged to submit suggestions for future workshops by contacting the office of the Mayor and City Council at (619) 691-5044.

3 **Don't Miss 'Taste of the Arts' May 21**

Looking for a stellar way to spend a Sunday? Then mark your calendar now for the city's premiere special event---"Chula Vista's Taste of the Arts"---on Sunday, May 21! The non-stop free activities are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in beautiful Bayside Park. At the event you can purchase affordable one-of-a-kind art for your home or for gifts. Listen to popular patriotic songs. Watch artists crafting pottery, paintings and jewelry. Join the kids in making a unique hat. Thrill to the daring dance moves of the tango. Relax to the sounds of smooth jazz. Go to the listing in Upcoming Events on the city's home page to watch a video or click on press releases for lots more info.



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4 Big News for the Bayfront

Oh, what a beautiful view! Efforts to get rid of those unsightly power lines and metal transmission towers along Chula Vista's bayfront recently got a boost from the City Council when members took action to establish a Bayfront Utility Underground District. The purpose of the District is to clear the way for SDG&E to underground the transmission lines and supporting tower structures that line the City's waterfront-- from the power plant at L Street to National City. Undergrounding the wires and towers

sets the stage for development of a 500-acre world-class bayfront. The \$20 million project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2008.



5 Free Solar Workshop

Are you thinking about going solar? The City of Chula Vista is dedicated to reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, and we need your ideas and participation at a special workshop on solar options May 31 from 5-7 p.m.

The workshop is for anyone who is considering generating their own electricity using solar energy--

everyday consumers, installers and sales personnel. You're invited to Council Chambers at City Hall to learn about our building codes and permit process, safe installation and operation, rebate assistance and state regulations.

Attend this free workshop to get the latest information and answers to your important questions.

6 Urban Core Update



Momentum is building for the City's plans to revitalize the Urban Core, an area that includes the Third Avenue Village corridor. City leaders envision a vibrant

area with housing, restaurants and shops mixed with new parks, plazas and public spaces. The completed Draft Urban Core Specific Plan, the detailed zoning document for the revitalization effort, got the green light from the advisory committee in late March. Now, it's moving towards the environmental and public review processes. Hearings on the specific plan are tentatively scheduled for this summer.

7 Public Safety Committee

Meetings of the new Public Safety Subcommittee are underway. The subcommittee, lead by Councilmembers Steve Castaneda and Patty Chavez, meets once a month to monitor public safety issues in the City. They're tasked with reviewing programs and projects in the Police and Fire departments and Code Enforcement. At its next meeting, May 24 in the Police Department's Community Room, the subcommittee will focus on graffiti abatement and the Police Department's successful anti-bullying project.



8 Filipino Forum

About 200 people are expected when Mayor Stephen C. Padilla and Filipino-American community leaders host a special forum Saturday, May 13 from 9 to noon. The forum, which will focus on issues of interest to Chula Vista's Filipino-American community, will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall (276 Fourth

Avenue). This event will provide an opportunity for members of the community to dialogue with civic and elected leaders. For more information, please contact Zaneta Salde Encarnacion by either calling (619) 409-5812 or sending an email to zencarnacion@chulavistaca.gov.

9 Fun Ways to Get Fit!

Want to get in shape for summer? Try one of the Recreation Department's "Fun To Be Fit" activities offered free or at minimal cost at various locations around the city. Kids' choices include Loma Verde Center's Sports Club and SHARK (Start Healthy, Active Recreation for Kids) at Veterans Park.

Walking/Running at City Parks are among the selections for adults. For more information, look in the quarterly brochure posted at www.chulavistaca.gov/rec.



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Cycle EastLake May 7

Get ready to ride on May 7 when the annual Cycle EastLake! pedals through your neighborhood. Recreational bike tours are 5, 12, 25 and 50-mile routes that begin and end at EastLake Middle School located at 900 Duncan Ranch Road. Post-ride activities include a Fat Tire Festival celebrating the sport of mountain biking, a health fair, treats from local restaurants, a tricycle parade and bike rodeo for kids and more! To register or for more information, log on to www.eastlakeedfoundation.org.

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